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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

FIG. 1 is amended to include a legend --Prior Art-- as shown in the attached annotated sheet of the drawing.

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REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yiu. Applicant respectfully contends that the rejection is unwarranted because the physical structure and operational principle of the cited prior art are completely different from the instant invention. The following will give a detailed comparison of the present invention and the art of Yin.

The gist of the instant invention is to provide a card reading device in which the information marked on a memory card can be readily visible and readable when the memory card is loaded in the card reading device. Accordingly, the card reading device comprises a card reception base 21 for loading the card from the top opening of the card reception base as shown in FIGs. 2-5. A flange 222 formed in a card reading portion and a protruding portion 231 formed on a push-to-joint portion prop against the memory card when it is loaded. The rails defined on the push-to-joint portion, fastening hooks defined at the ends of the rails, protruding rods formed on an end of the card reception base and the push-to-joint portion, a resilient member and a groove formed in the card reception base work together to secure the memory card in place. Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited prior arts teach, suggest or anticipate the combination of the above limitations and how they work together.

Yiu discloses a memory card connector for supporting different types of memory cards with a slide plate. Regardless which types of memory cards, they are inserted in a

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side way from a front opening of the memory card connector as shown throughout the figures of Yiu's disclosure. In the office action, the Examiner interprets Yiu's halt preventing hook as the fastener-reception zone and Yiu's means for ejecting a card as the push-to-joint portion of the instant invention. However, Yiu's halt preventing hook 192 shown in Fig. 2 and the pressing part 442 shown in Fig. 21 have absolutely no resemblance to the push-to-joint portion and the fasten-reception zone shown in FIG. 3 of the instant invention. The physical structure such as a push-to-joint portion having its top face extended to form a protruding portion, being located at the fastener-reception zone claimed in claim 1 is completely different from the pressing part 442 which is a rod coupled through a groove 44 (col. 6, lines 35+). Furthermore, the Examiner interprets the element 213 of Yiu's art as the flange formed on the card reading portion of the instant invention. The element 213 of Yiu's, however, is an element on a slide plate and does not have any function of the flange of the instant invention which props against the memory card.

The above comparison has been made after careful reading of the figures and paragraphs (col. 4, lines 5+; col. 4, lines 42+; col. 6, lines 35+) which are cited by the Examiner but clearly do not disclose or teach any of the instant invention. Applicant respectfully contends that the examiner's rejection and comments of claim 1 are groundless. Similarly, applicant also contends that the rejection and comments with regard to claims 2 and 3 should be withdrawn because Yiu's disclosure (col. 6, lines 1-55; col. 4, lines 52+) does not teach any physical structure with working principle resembling the push-to-joint portion and protruding rods claimed in claims 2-3 and shown in FIG. 3

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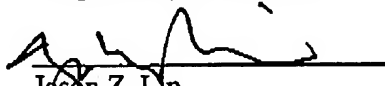
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of the instant invention.

In response to the office action, claim 1 is also amended to more clearly and specifically point out the subject matter of the invention by adding the phrase wherein the card reading device receives the card to be read from a top opening above the reception space with the flange and the protruding portion propping against the card to hold the card in place, and a top face of the card is visible through the top opening.

From the foregoing discussion, it is clear that the instant invention differs from the cited prior arts. The physical difference results in different effects and is not obvious. The amended claim 1 is not disclosed or taught by the cited prior arts under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and should be patentable. By virtue of dependency, claims 2-6 should also be patentable. The specification has been amended to correct a few editorial and grammatical errors. FIG. 1 is amended to include a legend --Prior Art-- and submitted by FAX with an annotated sheet showing the change for approval. A replacement sheet will be submitted by the post office mail to ensure adequate quality for patent publication after the application is allowed. Prompt and favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully solicited.

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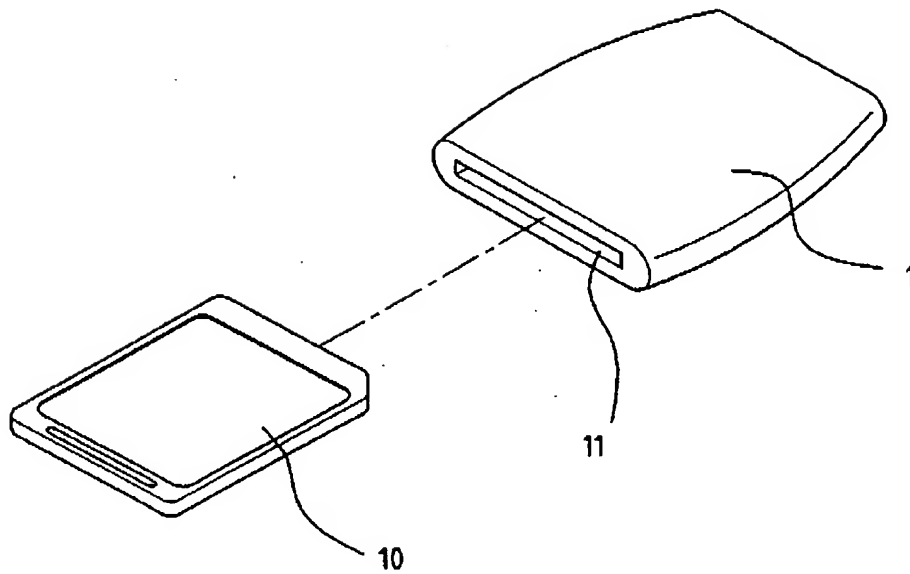


FIG. 1

(PRIOR ART)